

DETAILED ACTION

1. Acknowledgement is made of the amendment/RCE received on 11/18/2008.

EXAMINER'S AMENDMENT

2. An examiner's amendment to the record appears below. Should the changes and/or additions be unacceptable to applicant, an amendment may be filed as provided by 37 CFR 1.312. To ensure consideration of such an amendment, it **MUST** be submitted no later than the payment of the issue fee.

Authorization for this examiner's amendment was given in a telephonic interview with Winston Hsu on March 31, 2008.

The application has been amended as follows:

In claims:

- (1) In claim 17, line 5; insert **--a--** between **"with"** and **"frequency"**.
- (2) In claim 25, line 4; insert **--a--** between **"with"** and **"frequency"**.

Allowable Subject Matter

3. Claims 17-31, and 40-41 are allowed.
4. The following is a statement of reasons for allowable subject matter:

The prior art of record, Miyabe et al. (US 6,559,698) does not teach or suggest wherein the modulation value varies with time in a predetermined manner so as to force the average frequency of the modulated clock signal to change up and down over time, the clock generator operates in a way being independent of the spread spectrum control circuit when the average frequency of the modulated clock signal changes up and down over time, and the output clock signal generated by the clock generator and the modulated signal generated by the spectrum control circuit are separate signals.

5. Any inquiry concerning this communication or earlier communications from the examiner should be directed to Kabir A. Timory whose telephone number is 571-270-1674. The examiner can normally be reached on 6:30 AM - 3:00 PM Monday-Friday.

If attempts to reach the examiner by telephone are unsuccessful, the examiner's supervisor, Shuwang Liu can be reached on 571-272-3036. The fax phone number for the organization where this application or proceeding is assigned is 571-273-8300.

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